

REGULAR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Chippewa Falls was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Gregory Hoffman presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

CLERK CALLS THE ROLL

Council members present: Jack Covill, Brian Flynn, Greg Dachel, Jason Anderson, Dennis Doughty, Susan Zukowski. Absent: Robert Hoekstra.

City staff present: City Planner Jayson Smith, Public Works Director/City Engineer Rick Rubenzer, Police Lieutenant John Liddell, Fire Chief Tom Larson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Motion by Doughty/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 17. **Motion carried.**

PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY CITIZENS

(a) Susan Holm, 707 W. Columbia Street; Russ Blair, 228 Oak Knoll Drive; Ed Dombrowski, 5 N. High Street; Shawn Hammond, 206 7th Avenue; all spoke about concerns they have regarding the sand plant project. They believe the public was not given an opportunity to voice their concerns at any kind of a town hall meeting and that this issue is dividing the community. They feel this project will make jobs and people leave the city. They are also concerned about the impact this project will have on the city's clean air and the environment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS

None

APPLICATIONS

(a) Motion by Doughty/Flynn, all present voting aye, to approve the 11 Operator (Bartender) licenses as recommended by the Police Department. **Motion carried.**

(b) Motion by Zukowski/Doughty, all present voting aye, to approve the Application of Chippewa Youth Hockey for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for the Ice Bowl on April 3 & 4. **Motion carried.**

(c) Motion by Flynn/Anderson, all present voting aye, to approve the Applications of Chippewa Youth Hockey for Class "E" Dance Licenses for April 3 and April 4. **Motion carried.**

(d) Motion by Doughty/Anderson, all present voting aye, to approve the Application of McDonell Athletic Booster Club for a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for an Alumni Tournament April 3-5. **Motion carried.**

(e) Motion by Flynn/Anderson, all present voting aye, to approve the Street Use Permit Application of Chippewa Falls Main Street, Inc. for Harmony Courtyard on April 18 for downtown cleanup activities. **Motion carried.**

(f) The Application of Barbara Anderson, 515 N. Grove Street, for a Non-Commercial Kennel License was withdrawn by Barbara Anderson prior to the meeting. No action taken.

PETITIONS

None

MAYOR ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Motion by Flynn/Doughty to approve the minutes of the Committee No. 3 Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic meeting (Joint meeting with Police & Fire Commission) of February 24. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

REPORT OF OFFICERS

None

ORDINANCES

(a) The First Reading of Ordinance 2009-01 Entitled: An Ordinance Establishing the Width of Pavement on Wheaton Street (Northridge Drive to the North City Limits) at 34 Feet Face to Face of Curbs was held.

(b) The First Reading of Ordinance 2009-02 Entitled: An Ordinance Establishing the Width of Pavement on Front Street (Beaver St. to Well St.) at 34 Feet Face to Face of Curbs was held.

(c) The First Reading of Ordinance 2009-03 Entitled: An Ordinance Establishing the Width of Pavement on Central Street From Island Street to Rushman Drive at 42 Feet Face to Face of Curbs was held.

(d) The First Reading of Ordinance 2009-04 Entitled: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit to Plant Research and Agronomy Plots was held.

RESOLUTIONS

(a) Motion by Doughty/Zukowski to approve **Resolution 2009-05 Entitled:** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Appoint a Complete Count Committee for the 2010 Decennial Census. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

(a) The council discussed the request of Dave Martineau to allow personal appearances from those not living in Chippewa Falls or owning property in Chippewa Falls. Mr. Martineau believes the council is putting up a road block between city and county residents if they do not allow county residents to speak on issues relating to the sand plant project. Alderman Dachel stated he has listened to many residents – both city and county – regarding the sand plant issue. Mr. Martineau hoped the mayor and council would consider some type of ad hoc committee composed of city and county residents to be a liaison between the council and community. Mayor Hoffman will talk to project manager Gary Stone about forming a citizen advisory board. No action taken.

(b) Motion by Doughty/Zukowski to approve the Proposal from Blackburn Actuarial, Inc. to perform the actuarial valuation for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for the City of Chippewa Falls as required by GASB Statement 45. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.** City Treasurer Lynne Bauer explained this new requirement that is to be completed every other year to document the impact of post retirement benefits offered to city employees.

CLAIMS

(a) The Claims Committee met at 6:00 PM before the regular meeting to review the claims for payment by the various departments of the city. **Motion by Anderson/Doughty** to approve the payment of the claims listed below. **After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

City General Claims and

Authorized/Handwritten Claims: \$3,757,591.23

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Doughty/Anderson to go into closed session under 19.85(1)(e) for “deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session” to consider: **(a) Discuss and consider the purchase of Parcels 4222.20 and 4222.30 from Greg Harberts per the Downtown Entrance Plan; and (b) Discuss and consider the purchase of Northern Oil Company property at 12 S. Bridge Street per the Downtown Entrance Plan; and to allow City Attorney Robert Ferg, City Planner Jayson Smith, and City Clerk Lynne Bauer to attend; and may return to open session. After a roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.**

The Council discussed this issue.

Motion by Doughty/Zukowski, all present voting aye, to return to open session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Zukowski/Doughty, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Lynne Bauer, City Clerk